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COUNTRY Soviet Zone of Germany

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TOPIC Cottbus Airfield

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REFERENCES

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1. The Cottbus (N 52/A 57) airfield was not occupied by planes. Individual biplanes recently made intermediate landings at the field. Trucks were seen at the field. *

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2. Construction work was under way on the old E-W runway. * Excavation work was in progress in the south-eastern section of the field, where containers - each 3 to 4 meters in diameter and 8 to 10 meters long - were being dug in. Two containers were completely underground. There were two more excavation sites near the construction site in the southern section of the field, and four at the eastern end of the runway. **

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 Comment. The transfer of both Cottbus bomber regiments was confirmed One regiment was transferred to Drewitz and the other probably to Dresden-Klotzsche. Construction work on the landing field of the Cottbus airfield accounts for the transfer. No information has been received on the scheduled date for completion of expansion work on the runway.

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 Comment. The installation of new fuel containers is reported for the first time. This observation may

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possibly indicate that the airfield is to be occupied by a new unit, since it has been observed that new fuel containers were dug in at other airfields prior to the arrival of new units. According to previous reports no special fuel containers for jet aircraft have been installed. Jet planes apparently are refueled only from tank trucks.

1 Annex : 1-sketch on ditto.

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